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The newsletter for faculty and staff

Dec. 16, 1994

Holidays are
just around the
corner. Have a very
merry time on your
vacation.

Coming Up

College students make lifestyles risky business

UCF education professor Gail West recommends patience in educating our youth on the dangers of the HIV/AIDS virus and life-threatening behaviors, despite heading up a recently published survey that reveals a discouraging rate of risky behaviors by college students.

Although 53 percent of the 1,150 Florida college students surveyed had received some form of HIV/AIDS

education, safer sex practices continue to be a rarity among them. Eighty-seven percent were sexually active even though abstinence is the only fool-proof means of avoiding the disease through sexual transmission. Of those students, only 37 percent of the students had used a condom during their last sexual encounter, and 12 percent reported having been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease at some time in the past.

Students were surveyed at eight of the nine universities in the Florida State University System.

"We have to compare their risky sexual behavior to the behavior of smokers. It took a long time and a lot of hammering before the message about the dangers of smoking got across to people and finally led to many quitting," West said. "The point is—we're openly talking about the dangers of unprotected sex and HIV/

AIDS; we weren't just a few years ago. So we're at a beginning point and can't relent or give up now." She pointed out that for many students "some education" might not have been anything more than having had a brochure on HIV/AIDS handed to them.

West, who is the project director

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UCF student Anna Petkov tries out the touch screen on the new Information Kiosk, which is located on the first floor of the Administration building behind the elevator. The second kiosk is located in the main lobby of the library. The university plans to add more kiosks to key buildings and branch campuses in the near future.

Getting info is now just sooooo easy

You want to know where you can cash a check on campus or how to find the department of communication. And you don't know who to ask.

Just wander onto the first floor of the Administration building behind the elevator or the main floor of the library lobby and let your fingers do the walking. Help is just a touch away. The new Information Kiosk Systems, which were installed Nov. 18, may not have the capability to answer all your questions—yet. But an extensive bank of information will eventually be accessible by calling up the user-friendly touch screens. The user merely touches a dialog box on the screen and the information pops up. Currently, campus maps and directories (maps for all UCF campuses), admissions

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UCF's new smart card outwits old I.D.

The new smart card that UCF is developing may end up looking like just another pretty face—it will sport the Pegasus logo and be designed for attractiveness—but behind its "good looks" are the working brains of a computer. Each card, available to all UCF students, faculty, staff and alumni in the fall of 1995, is capable of handling 256 different transactions, according to Ed Neighbor, associate vice president for academic affairs.

This new wonder card, created by AT&T, will make life easier and more convenient for those who have one. The cards will completely replace the current I.D. cards on campus. According to Tim Carroll, director of business services, his office may run a test with faculty and staff this spring.

A cardholder could make a long-distance phone call, pay for food on campus, check out library books, buy books from the bookstore, use copier machines, access parking—the

possibilities are unlimited for campus use.

Neighbor said that the smart card is different from the magnetic striped cards in that the information resides in the thumbnail-sized computer embedded in the card.

"Other cards merely identify the user; some cards have a debit strip that allows the amount charged to be deducted from a prepaid amount," Neighbor said. "But the tiny computer in the smart card has 8,000 kilobytes

of memory and its own operating system, so it could hold all types of information about the cardholder, such as his or her financial information or medical history."

This means that a cardholder could use it for medical services on campus, the laundry machines, dorm security, or vending machines. And with the smart card, a system does not have to be online; whereas, with an

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MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty
From: Carole Hinshaw, Library
Subject: Library Instruction Classes

A reminder to schedule library instruction classes for Spring term. Librarians provide customized course-related instruction in the selection and use of pertinent resource materials. In addition, instruction is provided on using LUIS, the on-line catalog and numerous electronic databases. Submit at least two weeks in advance. Faculty are encouraged to attend with their students.

Call the library reference department for information at 823-5880 or contact Carole Hinshaw, coordinator of bibliographic instruction, at chinshaw@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu.

A basic introduction to the library is available on audiocassette. This tour offers a convenient way for new library patrons—students, faculty or staff to familiarize themselves with the UCF Library. It is available at the reserve desk on the main floor during regular library hours.

To: University community
From: Wendy Arthurs, Coordinator, Career Resource Center
Subject: Spring, 1995 Career Expo

We are pleased to invite you to the upcoming Spring, 1995 Career Expo to be held on Tuesday, Jan. 31 in the UCF Arena. The Expo will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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information, frequently asked questions, student records and other campus information are installed on the system. Although the campus map is the same one published in campus catalogs, the computerized version has a lot more to offer than what first meets the eye. When an area of the map is touched, a blown-up version of that section is shown. Touching a specific building brings up a photo of the building with information on the building. Students can find course descriptions, degree requirements, phone numbers and locations of departments, a listing of faculty and a lot more.

According to Tim Larson, associate director for computer services and the project manager for the kiosks, there are plans to add other kiosks in key UCF buildings and on the branch campuses. "Eventually, we would like to have kiosks at malls and the airport though those would offer more general information about the university," Larson said.

Student Government purchased the kiosks and the university purchased fileservers and the TRG Intouch software, which was customized and expanded by UCF's computer services. "Our department has been working on the software and testing it since September," Larson said.

About half of the information has yet to be entered into the system. "We'll be soliciting information from different departments very soon. A lot of the information that is now in the system came from the police department and other people on campus, plus general information out of the university catalog," Larson is especially eager to have an up-to-date calendar of events available at the kiosks.

Within the next year, Larson projects that video clips and sound will be added to the computerized information centers to make the kiosks even more practical. "We're trying to maximize the value of this for the students, to really give them what they need," Larson said.

Only a dozen universities around the country have similar information centers available on their campuses. Larson said that Brevard Community College is the only one in Florida though other Florida schools are planning similar systems.

To: Faculty and Staff
From: John Bush, Registrar
Subject: Fall Semester Grades

Final grades rosters for the Fall 1994 semester are due in the Registrar's Office by noon on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Grades will be mailed to students on Thursday, Dec. 22. Students (with a picture I.D.) may pick up printed copies of their grades in the Records Office, ADM. 161, after Tuesday, Dec. 27.

The Registrar's Office will test a new telephone access that allows students to call for their semester grades and academic standing. A limited sample of students will be selected to test the system in December, and surveyed for their satisfaction.

Expected to be fully operational in Spring 1995, the system will replace grade mailers for all students who call in for their grades.

To: All USPS Employees
From: Personnel Services
Subject: Annual Leave in Excess of 240 Hours

All USPS employees are reminded that any annual leave hours in excess of 240 hours must be used during this calendar year or be forfeited at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1994.

If you have any questions regarding annual leave, please contact Linda Browning at x5186.

To: University community
From: Joanne Griggs, public affairs
Subject: Submissions for The UCF Report

It is requested that all submissions (with exception of classified and calendar listings) be forwarded to public affairs on disk and hard copy whenever possible. Your disk will be returned upon request. Thank you for your assistance. If you have questions, please call Joanne Griggs, x2506.

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ordinary card, each service appliance has to be wired to a central main computer. Called "contactless," the card is activated by a electronic field when placed in, say, a vending machine.

A fairly new AT&T technology, the smart card has had the bugs worked out and is being used by some banks and other large organizations. "Lots of campuses have all-access cards, but they use the ordinary magnetic striped cards, which limit the kinds of transactions that can be done with them," Neighbor explained.

Drew University, a small liberal college in New Jersey, is the only one in the country to have a smart card. UCF will be the only large university using them.

UCF contracted with Martin Marietta Information Systems Division to work out all the details. Martin is setting up a duplicate system in their labs, providing a back-up and the capability to resolve any problems from their site.

According to Carroll, the cards will be used during the first phase as I.D. cards, for library checkout, meal plan cards, bookstore purchases and as vending machines debit cards. They may also be used for transactions not involving any charges, such as accessing an individual's own student records, sending messages to professors and as I.D.'s for testing. Phase two will possibly involve the addition of such conveniences as tuition payments and event access.

The idea for the smart card evolved from a Total Quality Management group, chaired by Carroll, to find an improved access card for the campus. Carroll foresees a time when the cards would be used as ATM and credit cards.

"Students will be issued a card, but it will be up to each person to go to a central card office to set up the kind of accounts they want on the card," Carroll said. "At first, we want to provide basic services, then build from there. We have such a terrific partnership with AT&T, Kodak-Edicon System, Griffin Technologies and Martin Marietta that the possibilities are just great." Kodak-Edicon Systems will provide digital photos—each card will have the user's photograph, with Griffin Technologies working on the software that accesses food vendors.

Neighbor said that the university is looking to make the smart card a permanent link between the university and the members of the campus community: When a student graduates he or she will still be able to use the smart card with the privileges extended to UCF alumni.

Official Ballot To spotlight the UCF Employee of the Month

I nominate:

(name)

(campus address)

to be UCF Employee of the Month. (Nominee must have been a University Support Personnel System employee at least two years.) Any employee, including faculty and A&P, may nominate a candidate on the basis of job performance, dependability, attitude, etc. A name submitted remains in the pool of eligible candidates for one year.

Signed:

(name)

(campus address, phone)

Cut ballot and return to personnel, ADM 230. EOM. (Mark envelope "confidential.")

**Grand Opening
of the
UCF Fitness Center
January 9
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Student Center**

THIS ISSUE:

This issue of The UCF Report is for the weeks of Friday, Dec. 16-22, Dec. 23-29 and Dec. 30-Jan. 5. It is the 11th issue of fiscal year 1994-95.

WHAT HAPPENED THEN:

Dec. 1, 1965—The first two staff members for the university report to work—President Charles Millican and his secretary, Colleen Rhea Brown.

Dec. 18, 1981—Howard Phillips Hall becomes the first campus building named for an individual.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW:

■ A Christmas Book Sale at the UCF Bookstore offers thousands of books for sale at 50 to 79 percent off the original list price. This includes books on pets, trains, Disney, travel, cooking, Christmas, children's books and much more. There is an additional 10 percent off the sale price at the register.

■ Holiday gift specials are now available at the UCF Computer Store (next to the biology building). For less than \$10: disks, storage boxes, new style mouse pads. For less than \$25: screen savers, CD-ROM storage boxes. Check out the wide selection of hardware, software and accessories for gift ideas.

■ Computerized messages, called E-mail, are treated no differently than paper records under Florida's Government in the Sunshine law. The state law stipulates that all state organizations must retain and store all of its public electronic records. There was recently a legal ruling, after a formal request by the Tampa Tribune, that all E-mail at public universities in Florida, whether received or sent, be designated public information. Some newspapers are now regularly receiving copies of all E-mail of university administrators.

■ Pegasus Circle will be blocked from the Library service drive to the College of Business Administration building drop-off drive for the next 14 to 16 months. This allows for construction of the Computer Center Expansion facility.

CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 18, 1994 issue of The UCF Report, under capital improvement budget requests in the supplement section on pages 2 and 3, the social sciences building was incorrectly listed under the 1989-99 and the 1999-00 sections.

In the Dec. 2, 1994 issue of The UCF Report, page 6, Jeff Franks was incorrectly listed under the library photo. He is currently the department head of reference. Also, in the same photo caption, Cheryl Mann's name was misspelled.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

Only eight shopping days before the next university holiday. University of Central Florida employees will have off Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 1 in that Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Sundays.

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Nursing student receives national fellowship to represent Florida

Charles Hartung, a junior in nursing at the College of Health and Public Affairs, was chosen by the Helen Fuld Health Trust Fellowship as a Fuld Fellow for 1994.

This prestigious award enabled Hartung to attend the International Conference on Cancer Nursing held last August in Vancouver, British Columbia. The conference was sponsored by the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care. The Fuld Health Trust funds only one student from each state and Hartung was chosen from a pool of 300 nominees in the rigorous competition to represent Florida.

Hartung, a 10-year veteran of the United States Navy, is a Chief Petty Officer and is attending UCF under the Navy's Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program. Upon graduation in May of 1995, Hartung will be commissioned an Ensign and plans to continue his career in the Navy.

In 1985, Hartung graduated with honors from the Navy's Nuclear Power School, NTC, Orlando. Following a tour aboard ship in the Pacific, he returned to Orlando NTC as an instructor in the Nuclear Power School and

enrolled at Valencia Community College where he earned his A.A. Degree. While attending Valencia he was on the Dean's List; he has been on both the Dean's List and the President's Honor Roll at UCF by maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Hartung's achievements have earned him invitations to join Phi Kappa Phi which is open only to the top 1 percent of the entire junior class at UCF, and the Golden Key Honor Society. He is an active member of the UCF Student Nurse's Association, serving on the Orientation Committee for incoming students and participating in special projects, such as helping with visual screening tests for a Health Fair at the Homeless Shelter in Orlando.

In his spare time, Hartung volunteers at the Osceola High School boys' and girls' swimming and diving meets, videotaping and keeping stats. He also assists the Reedy Creek Elementary School's Physical Education Department to improve children's coordination skills.

Hartung is married to the former Kimberly Hubbard of Green Bay, Wisconsin. They currently live in Orlando.



Gail West, project director and principal investigator for the Higher Education Consortium for AIDS Prevention, and Larry Rumbough review the Florida Health Risk Behavior Survey for University Students. West, a UCF education professor, worked with UCF education professor Charles Dziuban, the project evaluator, and Rumbough, the surveillance coordinator, to produce the survey.

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and principal investigator for the Higher Education Consortium for AIDS Prevention (HECAP), said that the survey was a baseline study: There are no previous statistics on college students in Florida.

"As far as I know, we don't have data to compare these statistics with, but now we will have a reference point for future work," she said.

UCF is one of five universities in the country to be awarded a five-year grant through an agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "The other four university consortiums have conducted the same survey in their regions and will soon publish their reports. The CDC has also commissioned a national survey to be conducted," West said. Charles Dziuban, UCF education professor, was the project evaluator for the survey, and Larry Rumbough, a UCF alumnus and current doctoral student, was the surveillance coordinator.

HECAP provides HIV/AIDS prevention education to university students, particularly to students studying to become teachers. In addition to the state universities, the consortium also works with 20 community colleges and 15 private colleges in providing peer educators and teachers to train other teachers.

The HECAP survey covered six areas of activity that the CDC has identified as the

leading causes of death among young people, all of which are preventable: injuries; tobacco use; alcohol and other drug use; risky sexual behaviors; dietary habits; and physical activity. Despite the widespread anti-drinking and driving campaigns, 43 percent of the students reported that in the previous 30 days they had ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking; 93 percent reported drinking alcohol while 38 percent engaged in heavy drinking. More than half (53 percent) had tried marijuana.

"We're realizing that educating youths about the dangers of certain behaviors is very complex. We're currently working on identifying a variety of personality traits that make certain people more susceptible to indulging in risky behaviors. We know there are types of personalities who rebel against being told to avoid death-defying activities," West said.

She expects that work in this area could reshape the way students are educated in the future about risky behaviors. Meanwhile, West worries about the lack of funds. The grant from the CDC for HECAP runs out at the end of the current academic year. "So far neither the State Legislature nor Congress has provided funding that would allow HECAP or other university-related organizations to continue the essential work in HIV/AIDS education in Florida."

Philosophy students reshape youths' outlook on life

Developing a philosophy of life by helping others is a common benefit shared by 31 students enrolled in Professor Stephen Levensohn's philosophy course at the University of Central Florida.

Levensohn's "Philosophy Practicum" takes students out of the classroom and into the community, where they can apply their "wisdom" to children in the Esteem Program, an after-school program for youths living in the Margaret Square housing project in Winter Park.

Esteem targets groups of youth in the 3-12 and 13-17 age brackets for activities that foster self-esteem, promote open communication, develop problem-solving and goal-setting skills, and broaden understanding of the role each can play in the community.

UCF students and volunteers steer the youths through activities that promote these goals. In addition, the philosophy students serve as tutors, coaches or arts and crafts teachers. Regardless of their specialized roles, all serve as mentors. Levensohn noted that many of the UCF students

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enrich their own philosophical outlooks.

"The program is important to UCF students because it helps them to broaden their perspective of the world by teaching them that there are other explanations for the way people live and think," Levensohn said. "What students are finding out is that we're not all that different from one another."

Helen Stewart, an academic advisor in UCF's College of Education, identifies a practical benefit for the dozens of aspiring teachers she has steered into Levensohn's course. "It gives future education majors a wonderful opportunity to discover what



UCF professor Steven Levensohn (center, dark top) meets with members of his innovative philosophy class, which takes students out of the classroom where their "philosophy of life" is challenged by real-life situations working with at-risk youths.

teaching is all about before they begin taking courses in their major field," she said.

The course is an elective. While no textbooks are required, students receive handouts, keep journals documenting their experiences while working with the youth and write a final term paper. Keeping journals, Levensohn said, enables the students to better evaluate what they have observed.

Getting UCF students involved was the brainchild of Levensohn's daughter, Elizabeth Levensohn-Kastor, a UCF graduate who is employed by the Winter Park Housing Authority. The authority oversees Margaret Square and its youth programs. Since working with Esteem, Levensohn-Kastor has helped develop other programs, such as Best Buddy, which links mentors to youth, and Kids In Community Service, which allows young people to give back to their community.

Fatherly pride played a role in Levensohn's quick acceptance of his daughter's idea. "When she

called me and asked me to get involved, I didn't hesitate," he said. "She's an energetic woman who's out there doing some great things that I'm glad to be a part of."

Levensohn also is proud to be part of an effort that serves both academic and social purposes. As he explained: "If we want to make our way in the world—if we want affection, respect, security, even a new suit or a new dress—we have to take advantage of the opportunities given us. If we want others to enjoy these things, we have to ensure that they are given appropriate opportunities."

"Unhappily, what's true for some is hardly true for all. And when we look at children who, for a variety of reasons, have such few choices that there is little possibility to realize those things that make for a good life, we discover, if only second hand, that the world is too hard. Justice is offended."

This course is based on the notion that all children are "our children," and that, by working with them, that participants not only help them help themselves but also learn something about the nature of inequity.

Employee Receives Award For Saving UCF Money



Janice Blackwell, university postal manager, was recently presented with the Central Florida PCC Superior Achievement Award. Blackwell received the only award given for superior achievement in the Central Florida PCC Region. She was recognized for her work in implementing ways to reduce labor costs at the university by changing schedules to meet the postal demands.

**DECEMBER GRADUATES
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GRADFEST
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FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Campus Construction December, 1994

Project Number	Project Name	Start Date	Complete Date	Comments
15	Student Union	9/93	3/95	Construction in progress
18	Student Apartments	3/93	1/95	Construction in progress
35	International Student Center	TBA	TBA	Redesign in progress
40	CREOL	3/93	2/95	Construction in progress
54	Early Childhood Addition	1/94	12/94	Construction in progress
55	Computer Center Expansion	9/94	4/96	Construction in progress
56	Downtown Academic Center	9/94	9/95	Bidding in progress
57	Gemini Boulevard Expansion	1/95	10/95	Bidding in progress

Baseball plays outside the economic rules

by David F. Scott Jr.

Editor's note: The following article appeared in the Tuesday, Aug. 23, 1994 issue of USA Today. Scott is the executive director of the Dr. Phillips Institute for the Study of American Business Activity, the Phillips-Schenck Chair in American Private Enterprise and professor of finance at

the University of Central Florida. Scott has published extensively in well-known publications, such as The Wall Street Journal, The Orlando Sentinel, The Miami Herald, The St. Petersburg Times, Orlando Magazine and the Orlando Business Journal.

This is a quiz: Assume you are a major-league baseball player of average ability and intelligence, and interested in your long-term financial welfare. Which best describes your behavior this summer?

A. I am extremely grateful for my average annual salary exceeding \$1 million earned from playing a child's game, so I will report to work in a timely fashion and perform in the manner expected of me.

B. I've had my eye on my best alternative source of employment: driving a produce truck for \$26,000 a year. My risk of knee damage is lessened, so I will take that job. Or, since I like to swim, I might take tickets at my favorite waterslide at \$12,000 a year; it's more fun than driving a truck.

C. I will strike, earn nothing and make it difficult for my lovely family to enjoy Christmas. Under this option we may have to move from our 6,000-square-foot home into one of about 1,200 square feet.

Of course, the correct response is "C." Any fool can figure that out!

Now, assume you own a major-league baseball franchise. Which most likely describes your behavior this August?

A. I am extraordinarily grateful for the monopoly-like profits paid to my portion of the

baseball cartel by various TV networks. In gratitude, I send cigars to the TV executives and candies to their wives.

B. Should the strike last only a few weeks, I will stomach the financial losses and get ready to gorge on the profits still to come from the league playoffs and World Series. This outcome is not that bad for me.

C. Should the players decide to strike into next season, I will hire sub-par performers, put them on the field and strive to irritate the less-than-bright TV executives who pay me tremendous amounts of money. I will also experience the joy of driving my customers (ticket buyers, TV viewers, advertisers) to other, substitute goods.

D. I will keep my mouth shut, because I have such a good thing going here (high profits, little risk) that I do not want to irritate anyone remotely connected with or interested in major league baseball.

Your good business sense leads you to

choose A and D. The problem is, you tried to be logical; actually, B and C are correct.

The lessons of elementary economics don't work in baseball. The teams are a cartel in the same sense as OPEC—a group of producers who act together to control the price and supply of their product. So if you are irritated by the player's strike and the owner's arrogance, the market structure must be changed.

Cartels are broken by consumers finding a substitute product. And for the sports nut, there are fine substitutes out there. Football is upon us, hockey starts soon and basketball shortly

thereafter. By turning away from the grassy diamond for a brief, but meaningful while, the baseball fan can actually make this a better world. Owners and players who make their living in the illogical "toy arena of life" will be more realistic in their demands on society. Besides, what momentous point of contention has ever been proved by not working?



David F. Scott Jr.

Business Center Starts Professional Program

The Florida Small Business Development Center Network is leading the nation by creating the Professional Development and Certification Program. The program is mandated by the U.S. Small Business Administration for all the state's offices. Florida is the first state to develop one. The Florida program was developed to answer specific needs for formal training and development of counselors and the need to measure the performance and quality of services. For further information, call UCF's Small Business Development Center, which is located in the UCF's College of Business Administration, at x5554.

Image Link, the University of Central Florida's Print Center, has recently acquired a 25-inch offset press capable of high-quality, four-color printing. The Heidelberg offset press will allow the center to offer a wider range of printing services. Production managers, Patti Golmont and Dick Johnson, said that the center is better able to handle tight deadlines.

Image Link operates the Digital Copy Center at the Student Services Center and The Print Center on Libra Drive near the water tower. For further information on the services provided, call Jennifer Twerdahl or Chris Golvach at x2277.

The Giving Spirit



Members of the UCF Women's Club and Town and Gown gather for a Holiday Coffee at President and Martha Hitt's home. The members of the two clubs donated \$865 and numerous gifts, such as toys, blankets, and personal items to the Coalition for the Homeless. Shown, from left to right, Martha Hitt, president of the UCF Women's Club; Rita Lowndes, immediate past chairperson for the Coalition for the Homeless and current member of Town and Gown; and Nina Price, president of Town and Gown.

Keep it merry: Holiday safety tips

by Paul Nydam
Occupational Safety Officer

UCF's Environmental Health and Safety Department

Going away for the holidays?

Oscar Burnout went home last Christmas to visit his girlfriend and parents. When he returned in the first week in January, he couldn't find his apartment—it had disappeared. Only ashes remained of his 486 computer and monitor not to mention all his irreplaceable photographs. The fire was caused by a faulty extension cord.

Recommended tips before you depart

Unplug all unnecessary electrical items, such as table lamps, electric heaters and kitchen appliances (except the refrigerator).

Turn down your heating system. Unplug any space heaters.

Turn off all lights and close all windows and doors, even to your closets. Closed doors prevent fires from spreading as quickly.

Let a trusted friend have a key to check your room if you are gone for an extended period.

If you are staying home for the holidays

Christmas trees:

A cut tree should be as fresh as possible.

Needles shouldn't fall off when you shake the tree.

Needles should flex when touched, and not be brittle.

It is recommended that your tree be fire treated with a fire-retarding chemical or at least spray the tree with a water hose to wash off dead or dying needles before you bring the tree inside. This also helps get rid of any pesky bugs.

Cut about an inch off the tree trunk base and place it in a high-water capacity stand.

Place the tree in a cool area of your home, away from heat sources or where it could get knocked over. Don't use candles on trees.

Check the water level several

times a day. It could become a fire hazard if allowed to dry out. A periodic light misting of water from a spray bottle helps prevent the tree from drying out.

Decorations:

Use all lighting decorations properly.

Use only Underwriters Laboratory (UL) approved electrical decorations.

Inspect lighting for damage, such as bare wires or loose connections.

Use only for intended purposes.

Don't use indoor electrical decorations outside or outdoor decorations inside. Outdoor lighting usually burns hotter.

Fasten outdoor lighting securely with approved electrical staples, etc., to prevent wind damage.

Don't overload temporary extension cords.

Unplug or turn off all lighting decorations before going to bed or going away.

Don't leave candles

unattended. Make sure they won't get blown down or knocked over. Keep them away from flammable materials.

Check everything for "child proofing" and "pet proofing."

"I'm Fine, I can Drive"

Thousands of innocent people are killed, maimed and injured by drivers impaired by alcohol or drugs. Be responsible and take action!

Don't drive while impaired. Don't let your friends leave your home or party impaired.

Watch for careless or impaired drivers.

If you drink, set a limit and stick to it.

Eat starchy food like cheese and crackers before you drink and while you are drinking.

Remember, food slows, but does NOT prevent or inhibit, the effects of alcohol.

If you have had too much to drink, take a taxi home, have a sober person take you home or stay the night.

Party Time?

Consider having a non-alcoholic party.

Make sure taxis or other transportation are available and convenient for your guests.

Designate non-drinking drivers before the party begins.

If dinner is going to be served, schedule a shorter "cocktail hour" and avoid the open bar.

If you're only serving cocktails and snacks, make sure the snacks are substantial.

Try having high protein foods available, such as unsalted nuts, breads, meats and cheeses. These

items slow alcohol absorption into the bloodstream. Specialty coffees and bottled water are quite popular now, so have a variety on hand as an alternative to alcohol.

Watch your guests for signs of intoxication.

Great drinks - Alcohol Free

Jingling Java Nog (serves 12):

2 eggs, separated, 3 C. instant coffee, 1 T. vanilla extract, 1 C. heavy cream, shipped, 1 C. water 3 C. sugar, 2 C. milk, chilled, dash of salt, shaved, unsweetened chocolate. In a small bowl, beat egg whites at high speed until soft peaks form. Gradually knead in coffee, salt, vanilla, milk and water. Stir in egg-white mixture and whipped cream. Mix well. Serve chilled, with chocolate sprinkled over

each serving.

St. Nick's Pick (serves 1)

3 oz. grape juice, 3 oz. cranberry juice, 6 oz. club soda, ice cubes, lemon peel. Combine grape and cranberry juices and club soda. Pour into a tall glass filled with ice cubes. Garnish with lemon peel.

Sleigh Bell Cider (serves 8):

1 qt. apple cider, 2 C. sugar, 12 whole cloves, 8 whole allspice, 8 cinnamon sticks. Combine all ingredients except cinnamon sticks in a two-quart saucepan. Bring to boil, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Cool and refrigerate, covered for several hours. Just before serving, reheat slowly. Strain to remove spices. Serve in mugs, placing a cinnamon stick in each.

Merry Berry Holiday Punch (serves 8)

2 -10 oz. pkgs. frozen strawberries in syrup, thawed, 6 C. orange juice, 2 C. cranberry juice, 3 C. ginger ale, ice cubes, orange slices, fresh strawberries and mint springs. In a punch bowl, combine orange juice, cranberry juice and strawberries. Add ginger ale and ice just before serving. Float orange slices, strawberries and mint on top.

Have a safe and happy holiday. We want to see you back safe and sound in the New Year. If you have any questions regarding safety of holiday decorations or fire safety, please call Michelle Humphries at x2338. Address general safety questions to Paul Nydam at x6077. Some safety information and recipes are courtesy of Central Florida Chapter, National Safety Council, Orlando.



And A Good Time Was Had By All



Above, the UCF Choral Ensemble sings holiday songs in the central stairwell in the Administration building. The Financial Aid office staff added to the festive mood by providing homemade goodies for the group and any passersby. Right, members of the UCF Choir perform a Christmas carol at the campus sing-a-long that the UCF music department sponsors annually.



PEOPLE

Employee of the Month

Name: Barbara Rubright

Title: Office assistant and electrical undergraduate secretary

Department: Electrical and computer engineering

Job description: Works with the 700 undergraduates in the department, answering their questions and assisting them with such tasks as filling out their petitions to graduate and evaluations as to when they can graduate; handles any large computer projects for the department, such as entering the budget into a computerized spreadsheet. Supervises student assistants.

Length of service: Been at UCF five years. Started as a temporary worker in Sponsored Research for six weeks before being hired by the electrical and computer engineering department as a clerk typist.

Background: Moved from Connecticut to Orlando in 1988; her husband, Larry, retired from the Navy in 1991 and now works at the Post Office. They have a 15 year-old son, Butch, who is a student at University High school.

Hobbies: Decorating her house, which she says seems to be taking forever.

Quote: "I really enjoy working with the students. That's my favorite thing. They moved my office out of the main office because the traffic from students constantly coming into my office was too disruptive. I like being here in this department—it's a great department. We have a good time; it's a

great team.

Everyone pitches in and helps."

In praise: "She's a very hard-working individual; she's a person you can count on. When I leave the office, I know that the office is in good hands. She's very dedicated and has a good sense of humor." —Lois Engley, Office manager for electrical and computer engineering.

"She should be the employee of the year, maybe even of the century. When I was offered my current position, I told the chair that if you move her out I don't want the job. She is extremely efficient, adapts well and learns new computer programs easily. We have the largest department within the college and when you have to deal with 700 files, it becomes extremely important to have someone like her who can keep track. There are so



many checkpoints on each file. Besides keeping the department's budget and helping with graduate assistants, she handles all computer projects. I wouldn't give a computer project to anyone else. She prepares our presentations on the computer, creating color charts for us. She makes me look good." —Christos Christodolou, associate chair for electrical and computer engineering

Appointments

Carmen Milbutat was named the office assistant in the Office of Minority Student Services. She was an office assistant in Special Programs at UCF for four years and has extensive work experience as an assistant office manager, office manager, route accountant and secretary. She has lived in New Jersey and California. She will direct and manage all clerical and administrative areas of the office, including supervision of all student assistants.

Linda Putchinski has been named the new associate director of graduate admissions. She was the interim associate director of graduate admissions and previously worked as a graduate program coordinator for the College of Business.

Recognition

Susan Bach and Stephen LeBruto published "A Win-Win Situation for Training New Hospitality Accountants" in The Bottomline, October/November 1994.

Stephen Borde, College of Business Finance Department faculty, published "Explaining Variations and Risk Across Insurance Companies" in the Journal of Financial Services Research.

Mubarak Shah, associate professor, computer science department, is organizing "Workshop on Computer Vision" to be held in Islamabad, Pakistan between Jan. 2-5. This workshop is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) under the International Programs. The researchers from six U.S. universities: MIT, University of Rochester, Michigan State University, Ohio State University, Wellsley College and University of Central Florida, and several Pakistani institutions will participate in this workshop. The aim of this workshop is to promote the international exchange of scientific knowledge in the Computer Vision area.

This is the second NSF grant Shah has received for his work for Pakistan. The NSF grant in 1992 provided him an opportunity to conduct a short course on Computer Vision at Mehran University of Engineering and to give talks at several universities in Pakistan about his research. Shah has received 10 (nine as PI and one as CoPI) grants from NSF during the last six years.

Louis Roney, UCF music professor (voice) and artist in residence, and founder and board chairman of the Orlando Celebrity Concerts Association, announces the completion of funding for the first leg of his three-year proposal, "Festival of Orchestras," to begin in Orlando's Bob Carr Performing Arts Centre in the 1995-96 season. The festival will lead off with the Moscow Philharmonic, the Warsaw Philharmonic, the Atlanta Symphony and the Montreal Symphony. Orchestra soloists will include Moscow Tchaikovsky Piano Competition winner Barry Douglas, Florida piano virtuoso Tzimon Barito and Israeli violin prodigy Gil Shaham. Student tickets to all concerts are half price.

Newcomers

Joseph Izzo, groundskeeper, was formerly a manager with R/M Irrigation and Landscaping in Orlando. He has a B.S. in accounting from the New York Institute of Technology.

Tom Lenz, senior purchasing agent, was a senior buyer with Hughes Aircraft in Lagrange, GA, before coming to UCF. He attended Rollins College. In his spare time, he likes to play golf and travel.

Jodie Pennington, director of marketing and promotions for the athletic department, was promotions manager for the Orlando Magic. She graduated with a B.S. and M.S. from Florida State University. Pennington enjoys sports and dancing.

Wilma Rivera, postal clerk at physical plant, attended business classes at Webster University. Rivera enjoys sailing and gardening.

Terri Sofia, law enforcement officer for the police department, graduated with an A.A. degree from Edison Community College and UCF. Sofia enjoys volleyball and waterskiing.

"Dealing with Angry People"
A workshop for government employees
Thursday, Feb. 9
\$45
UCF South Campus
For more information, call 423-6335.

CLASSIFIED

For sale

Amazon parrot, very friendly. Also, large 7 foot brass cage. 859-6022.

Baby crib set: bumper, dust ruffle and wall hanging. Dumbo in primary colors by Calliope. (New \$120. Will sell for \$40.) Bicycle child carrier \$8. Brownie jumper, size 8, \$5. Call Ann, x2691 or 365-8744.

Baldwin Acrosonic spinet piano with bench and damp rid bar. Walnut finish, like new, needs tuning. \$800. 365-3179.

1983 BMW, 4-door, loaded, sunroof, new tires. Must sell. \$2,900 or OBO. 578-0997.

Braided area rug, 8x12 ft., earth tone colors, excellent condition. \$50; desk \$25; Corona portable computer w/ Discover, WordPerfect software \$30. Debra, x2486 or 366-9358.

Car, '93 Mazda Miata, red, stereo cassette, a/c. Only 10,000 miles. \$15,000. x2065 or 365-1353.

1986 Chevrolet Scottsdale (commercial) Pick-up Truck. 63,000 miles, new radiator, new battery, four-wheel drive, two fuel tanks, a/c, AM/FM radio, cruise control, and is fairly clean. No spare time. This is a real "horse." \$6,000. Paul Hartman, day x2317 or early evening 365-7259.

Computer, IBM PC, model 50 with Word Perfect and Lotus; and HP Deskjet printer. \$500. x5094.

Condo, 2/2, minutes from UCF. Upstairs, end unit in Hunter's Reserve, currently owned by professors. Clean w/ vaulted ceiling, finished deck overlooking lake. \$59,900. 658-6819.

Couch, blue calico. '84, excellent shape. \$200. Electric train set and track with houses on 4x8 plywood. \$100. Carol, x2598.

King-size waterbed w/ cabinets and mirrored headboard. Must sell. \$50. 578-0997.

Lakefront House, Lake Pickett, 15 minutes from UCF. 4/3 two-story, 3,000 sq. ft. on two acres, hardwood and tile floors, wrap around front porch, extensive decks on back of house, fireplace in great room and master bedroom, boat ramp, boat hoist, beautifully landscaped. Great skiing and fishing lake. \$384,900. Kim, x6337 or 568-7936.

Himalayan cat, champ. bloodline, good with kids. Jem, 249-0008, x230 or after 6 p.m. 249-0853.

House, 4/2 split plan w/2573 sq. ft. on corner lot of cul-de-sac. View of Lake Pearl in Woodside Village, 8639 Portside Ct., Goldenrod area. Tile floors, parquet wood, carpeting. Vaulted ceilings, stone and cedar fireplace. Heated pool, spa and sauna. Extensive landscaping. Neighborhood boat ramp, playground, pool, tennis courts. \$154,900. Harold, 678-0767.

Household items: rattan 4-piece living room set (new \$1,150) \$350; Canadian pine solid wood kitchen table w/ six chairs (new \$480) \$220; Video/TV w/remote \$220; Sanyo Dbl-cassette radio \$38; Sharp microwave (new \$240) \$95; oak solid wood room divider/bookshelf (new \$195) \$120; new white 3-drawer/5-shelf cabinet (new \$100) \$60; table \$35; roof-rack (good for surf boards) \$25; tools; kitchen appliances; lamps, fans; etc. 671-4827.

'87 Hyundai, gray, 2 dr., 5-speed, electric moon roof, a/c. \$2,500 obo. Vic, 381-8532 after 4 p.m. or x0139.

Motor bike: '87 Yamaha Riva. Great for back and forth to UCF. 2,300 miles, repainted black, runs good, very dependable. \$300. Tom, 365-3483.

Moving sale: Furniture in perfect condition. Love seat and matching chair, twin beds, brand new twin comforters and matching sheets, 6 ft. gray and black bar and 4 bar stools, oak study desk with shelves and chair. 695-3901 or 823-6440.

Nintendo-NES Sportset, like new. control deck, NES satellite, 4 controls, 6 games. \$90. Gloria, 277-1625.

Six-foot Christmas tree, fully assembled with some lights and decorations. \$25. Orig. \$75. Virginia, 862-6098.

Raliegh Racing Bike, like new. 27" 10-speed. \$100 or best offer. x5518 or 275-7776.

Toyota Celica 1981. I am using it until mid-Dec. Good, reliable transportation. \$799. 671-4827.

1992 Toyota Tercel, a/c, cassette, two new tires, 40K miles. Must sell. \$6,900. 578-0997.

UCF Area, best buy. Vaulted ceilings, large master suite with walk-in closet and luxurious Jacuzzi garden tub. Private fenced backyard with citrus trees. 5 minutes from UCF, 10 minutes from Valencia. Drastically reduced. 4/2 for only \$87,900. Prime NE location. 5% financing available. 671-4827.

White/cream Bernhardt couch, like new. \$450 or best offer. Contemporary style, rose-colored chair for \$75 or best offer. Pam, 249-4750.

Wanted

A white duck is urgently needed for one who has lost its mate. I don't know if it's male or female, but it is so lonely it may not matter. Any help would be appreciated. Bryan x5044 or 366-5804.

Brownie skirt, size 8 or 10. Doll house. Girl's tennis outfit, size 8 or 10. Roller blades, size men's 7-1/2 or 8, women's 8-1/2 or 9. Ann, x2691 or 365-8744.

Ping, #3 wood. Oroma. x3893 or 855-7730.

"G" Railroad train or accesories. Also Johnson Bros. china, white "Athena." Richard, x2419.

Roommate needed immediately. To share 2/2 Winter Park lake-view apartment. \$340 month includes everything. 15 minutes to UCF/East VCC. On bus route. Non-smoker, no pets allowed. Dawn, 657-2632.

Used truck, 1986-90 Nissan, Toyota, Isuzu or Mazda. Jim, x2384 or 281-1627.

Miscellaneous

Four kittens found abandoned in Research Park. They're healthy and have had their shots. \$10 ea., one or more. If you would like to give them a good home, please call Angelika, 249-4762.

Mountain cabin, located in N. Georgia mountains, 3 miles from Helen, famous for its Bavarian Village and Oktoberfest. 2 story, 2 bdrm, fireplace, located on Wildwood on Pink Mountain. 9 miles from white water rafting, 3 miles from horseback riding, 4 miles from tubing on the Chatahoochee River, 1 1/2 hours from snow skiing. \$250 week. Linda, 855-0881 or x6102.

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CALENDAR

December

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The Small Business Development Center offers: "Business Plan Writing" 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Details: 823-5554

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Commencement: 9:00 am Colleges of Business Administration & Health & Public Affairs; 1:00 pm College of Arts & Sciences; 5:00 pm Colleges of Education & Engineering. Details: 823-5907

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UCF Men's Basketball at Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 8:30 pm

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UCF Men's Basketball vs Hartford 7:30 pm 29-31
UCF Women's Basketball Holiday Classic (TBA) (South Carolina, Arkansas State, Mississippi, Middle Tennessee, Texas A&M, Appalachian St., Farleigh Dickinson, UCF)

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UCF Men's Basketball vs UNLV 9:00 pm

January

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Women's Basketball vs. UNC-Asheville at UCF at 7:30 pm.

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Registration by appointment. Details: 823-3100

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Faculty Senate Steering Committee, BA 472, 4:00 pm-5:15. Details: 823-5526
Classes begin for Spring Semester
Men's Basketball at Stetson, Deland at 7:30 pm.
Women's Basketball at Florida Atlantic at 7:00 pm.

Library Exhibits December

Stephen Daheyer and his Belgian Landscapes, by Dr. Marcela Del Rio, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.
AIDS and the Family by Sharon Douglas, Executive Director, HIV-AIDS Institute
Anthropology by Claudia B. Mackey, President, Student Anthropological Association
Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Books and Videos by

Greg Seaneay, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Union.

Alcohol and Drug Awareness by Michael McNeil, Student Health Center

Electronic Photography by Richard Spencer, Instructional Resources.

January

Islamic Culture and Civilization by Ali Shehata, President, Moslem Student Association
Urbino Program by Dr. Anthony Cervone, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures
Martin Luther King, Jr. by Phyllis Hudson, Library
The Life of Jean F.M. Waldeck by Marty Stein

February

UCF: A Microcosm of the World by Waltraud Morales, Interim Director, Office of International Studies
Rape Awareness and Prevention by Terri Langford, Coordinator, Student Health Center
Black History Month by Lashon Ferguson, President, African American Student Union

Arts

1/9-2/10 National Ceramics Invitational - an exhibition by Robert Reedy, ceramicist. Reception: Friday, January 13, 5-8 pm.

Theatre

1/19-29 Trojan Women by Euripides. Opening Nights 7:30 pm.